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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor	: Lon S. Weiner et al.	
Appln. No.	: 10/699,313	
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Title	: METHOD OF FRACTURE FIXATION (as amended)	Examiner: Araj, Michael
Docket No.	: M913.12-9	

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EQ 988364183 US

Sir:

Applicant does not believe that any extension of time for the accompanying Response should be due, as, due to no fault of Applicant, the Office Action dated June 30, 2006 was erroneously directed at canceled claims 1-20 rather than the pending claims 21-40 in the application, and Applicant promptly advised the Examiner of this error as indicated in the attached Response. If any extension of time for the accompanying paper is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. Applicant claims small entity status.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2998.

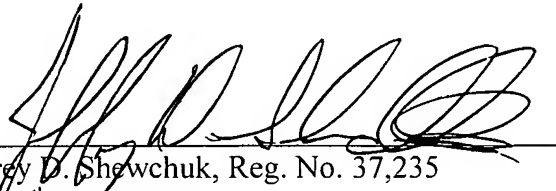
Respectfully submitted,

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